

50. The dry microballoons according to claim 32 or 33, wherein the gas in the microballoons is a radioactive tracer gas.

REMARKS

This application is a division of earlier application Serial No. 08/910,152 which was allowed on September 25, 2000.

The claims in this application are directed to dry microballoons.

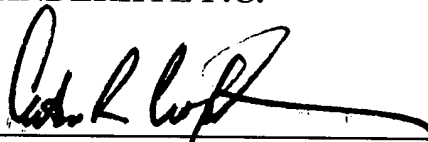
The specification has been amended consistent with the amendments made to the prior application and attached please find an Information Disclosure Statement citing the art of record in the parent application. Copies of this art are available in the prior application.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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